



State of Wisconsin
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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 929

February 18, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, BERCEAU, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, GOYKE, HINTZ, KESSLER, OHNSTAD, POPE, RIEMER, SARGENT, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and ZEPNICK, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, C. LARSON, MILLER, RINGHAND, L. TAYLOR and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Colleges and Universities.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to create* 36.27 (2) (cr) and 38.22 (6) (e) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 University of Wisconsin and technical college nonresident tuition exemptions.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law allows the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System to charge different tuition rates to resident and nonresident students. Current law also includes nonresident tuition exemptions, under which certain nonresident students pay resident tuition rates. This bill creates an additional exemption for an alien who is not a legal permanent resident of the United States and who: 1) graduated from a Wisconsin high school or received a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation from Wisconsin; 2) was continuously present in Wisconsin for at least three years following the first day of attending a Wisconsin high school or immediately preceding receipt of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation; and 3) enrolls in a UW System institution and provides the institution with an affidavit stating that he or she has filed or will file an application for permanent residency with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as soon as the person is eligible to do so.

The bill also provides that an alien described above is considered a resident of this state for purposes of admission to and payment of fees at a technical college.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

ASSEMBLY BILL 929**SECTION 1**

SECTION 1. 36.27 (2) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:

36.27 (2) (cr) A person who is a citizen of a country other than the United States is entitled to the exemption under par. (a) if that person meets all of the following requirements:

1. The person graduated from a high school in this state or received a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation from this state.

2. The person was continuously present in this state for at least 3 years following the first day of attending a high school in this state or immediately preceding receipt of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.

3. The person enrolls in an institution and provides that institution with proof that the person has filed or will file an application for a permanent resident visa with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as soon as the person is eligible to do so.

SECTION 2. 38.22 (6) (e) of the statutes is created to read:

38.22 (6) (e) Any person who is a citizen of a country other than the United States if that person meets all of the following requirements:

1. The person graduated from a high school in this state or received a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation from this state.

2. The person was continuously present in this state for at least 3 years following the first day of attending a high school in this state or immediately preceding receipt of a declaration of equivalency of high school graduation.

3. The person enrolls in a district school and provides the district board with proof that the person has filed or will file an application for a permanent resident visa with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as soon as the person is eligible to do so.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability.

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1 (1) The treatment of section 36.27 (2) (cr) of the statutes first applies to persons
2 who enroll for the semester or session following the effective date of this subsection.

3 (2) The treatment of section 38.22 (6) (e) of the statutes first applies to persons
4 who enroll for the semester or session following the effective date of this subsection.

5 (END)